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Private gifts given to University more than \$48 million

University News Service
Texas A&M University received more than \$48 million in private gifts and support during the past year, according to figures compiled by the Texas A&M University Development Foundation.

The \$48.1 million is a University record for voluntary support and reflects a \$1.4 million increase over 1982-83.

Last year, Texas A&M ranked 13th in the nation in total support according to compilations by the Council for Financial Aid to Education. During that period, only three public universities were ranked ahead of Texas A&M.

Harvard University was first overall with \$126.2 million in gifts from individuals, foundations and corporations.

The most recent figures, covering the 1983-84 fiscal year ending Aug. 31, will be submitted to the council to be compared with other institutions and results are expected to be released in the spring, officials said.

In 1983-84, Texas A&M received \$13.4 million in grants from corporations and businesses, \$10.8 million from foundations and \$8.5 million from alumni.

The balance comes from sources such as non-alumni individuals, religious organizations and fund-raising groups.

Texas A&M Vice President Development Dr. Robert Walker said the figures reflect the University's steady efforts to seek the support of business, industry and private individuals for its academic program.

"Although we are pleased to be included among such distinguished companies as Harvard, it is not surprising," Walker said. "Texas A&M particularly has been known for the loyalty of its alumni, and that support translates into financial support for the institution."

Walker said many of the gifts have been used to create endowments, chairs and professorships in schools, colleges, while other contributions go toward major scholarship programs.

List of scholarships ready for students

By LISA J DUPREE
Reporter

A detailed list of scholarship information is now available to Texas A&M students.

The Financial Aid Department recently distributed an Annotated List of Scholarships to several locations around campus.

The list contains such information as scholarship selection criteria, information regarding those who select scholarship recipients and award amounts.

Copies of the list are available in the Sterling C. Evans Library Reference and Reserve sections, the MSC Browsing Library, the Counseling and Scholarship sections of the Student Financial Aid Department and at individual deans' offices.

Taft Benson, Student Financial Aid director, said the list was compiled as a result of students' questions about scholarship help. Input

also was given by the Student Government Advisory Board.

The Board worked with the scholarship section of the Financial Aid office in gathering information, advising the Financial Aid Department about placing the lists around campus, Benson said.

He said the listing should be beneficial to students wanting information about any scholarship handled by the Financial Aid Department, scholarships sponsored by outside organizations.

He said the long range goal of the department is to eventually computerize the listing to make it more convenient and efficient.

Questions about the list or information on its use may be obtained from Financial Aid counselors or scholarship section personnel in the Student Financial Aid department on the second floor of the Patterson

Cotton Pageant to be this March

By DEENA ELLIOTT
Reporter

For the 51st year, the Student Agronomy Society and the Soil and Crop Sciences department will sponsor the Cotton Pageant on Mar. 30 in Rudder Auditorium.

Pageant contestants have the opportunity to compete for a \$500 scholarship. Each participant must be sponsored by a club or organization, said Dr. George McBee, faculty advisor for the Student Agronomy Society.

Letters with applications have been sent to A&M Mother's clubs and other students organizations across the state, also on-campus organizations and local community clubs and certain miscellaneous groups.

Each organization may sponsor only one contestant. Contestants attending college are preferred, but high school students planning to attend college can also enter. Though the Agronomy Society prefers Texas A&M students, it is not a pageant restriction.

Contestants will be judged on beauty and their ability to present themselves, as well as personality, outside activities, background and hobbies.

The program is open to the public. The Cotton Pageant helps publicize cotton as an important cash crop and provides the contestants an opportunity to earn money.

During the pageant the queen is selected and awarded the \$500 scholarship. Eight princesses will also be chosen.

A King Cotton and eight princes are elected by the Student Agronomy Society.

Money raised from the Cotton Pageant funds the Student Agronomy Society for activities during the year, McBee says. Entrance fee for the pageant is \$40. Applications are due March 15.

New budget to be unveiled during emergency meeting

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Legislative Budget Board has called an emergency meeting for Wednesday when, according to Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, an "alternative budget" will be presented.

Hobby said the new proposed budget would not include a tax increase but would include a tuition increase for college students. Hobby has said he favors a tuition increase for all students.

Asked if the LBB might consider a one-year budget rather than the usual two-years, Hobby replied, "Come and find out, come to the meeting."

The LBB in December approved a two-year budget proposal that would spend \$35.8 billion from all funds, including taxes. The LBB document is traditionally used as the preliminary document by both the House and the Senate.

On Jan. 15, Gov. Mark White presented his no-new taxes budget of \$36.1 billion, an increase of \$200 million over the LBB proposal.

Senate leader Ray Farabee said he doesn't think a one-year budget is inevitable. But added that a continual decrease in revenues would eventually press the Legislature to one.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock whose job is to project the most state government has to spend, said he doesn't see how the Legislature can stay away from annual sessions to plan and adopt budgets. The way the system works now, Bullock must project as far ahead as 2 1/2 years.

Bullock's most recent revenue estimate was that the Legislature needed an extra \$1.1 billion to finance state services at their current levels over the next two years.

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